the requirement is not large and an assessment can be made without sending' a Central Team an Inter-Ministerial Group considers the matter. On the basis •of the report ' of CentralTeam or the InWr-Ministerial Group and recommendations of the High leval Committee on Relief, ceilings of expenditure are• sanctioned for the States.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Surrender of posts in the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies,

850. SHRI ASHOK NATO VERMA: ' "Will the Minister of POOD AND CIVIL . SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a), the number of posts 'surrendered "under 5 per cent cut and other economy measures during the years 1985-86 and' . 1986-87 in the Ministry of, Food and, Civi'i Supplies and its attached, offices, sec-parately-category-wise; Gazetted and non-. gazetted; f -

(b) the number of posts ^ying vacant for the last one year in each cadre, cadre-wise;

- (c) whether it. is also a fact that surren dered posts mostly belong to technical non. - ministerial cadre, if so, the number of such posts cadre-wise, surrendered, gazett ed and non-gazetted; -

(d) whether it is also a fact that *in*-spite of reduction in strength, staff rathe administration has remained the same if not, the number of posts- effected, cadre-•wise, gajjettsd and non-gazetted in the administration; and

(a) the amount saved by reducing the strength during the years 1985-^6 and 1986. -87 and the amount likely to be saved during 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL. ^SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM. NAM A2AD): '(a) *to* (e) The information fa /being collected

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

851. SHRI J. P. GOYAL; Will the "Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

' (a) what are the' details of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras in various States;

(b) what Central assistance was provi ded to the Krishi Vigyan Kendras during each of the last three, ycurs; and

(c) what had been the nain" achieve-; ments of these Krishi Vigyan Kendras during the above -period?"

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION TN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOG-. ENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The details of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in various States are as follows:

Si. Name of the Statef No. Union Territory	No. of r KVKs
1. Andhra Pradesh	6
2. Arunachal Pradesh	*4*
3. Assam	2'
4. Bihar'	8
5. Goa	1
6 Gujarat	s
7. Haryana	3
8. • Himacbal Pradesh	2
v 9. Jammu & Kashmir	1
10. Karnataka	5
11. Kerala. -..	4
12. Madhya Pradesh	1 5
13. Maharashtra	6
14 "Manipur.	1
IS. Meghalaya	1
• 16. Mizoram.	1
17. ' Nagaland	1

Sl. No.	Name of the State/ Union Territory	• No. of KVKs
18.	Orissa.	5
19.	Pondicberry	1
20.	Punjab	1
21.	Rajasthan	*6*
22.	SikJcim.	1
23.	Tamil Nadu..	5
24.	Tripura	2
25-	Uttar Pradesh	10
26.	West "Bengal,	5
	Total	89

(b) The central assistance. provided to the Krishi Vigyan ICendras during each of the last three years was as follows: —

(in lakh Rs.)

S. N.	Year	Central assistance provided
'K	1984-85	41456
2.	1985-86	486-99
3.	1986-87	516-15

(c) The Krishi Vigyan Kendras are the vocational training institutions in agriculture and allied areas. During the last three years, 14621 training courses ' of. short as well as long durations have been organize at the- K. V. Ks in the disciplines of Crop Production, Livestock Production Horticulture, Fisheries Nutrition Home Management etc. benefitting. 3, 37, 924 farmers farm-women fishermen far myouths school dropouts and field level extension functionaries.

Buffer "stock of fertilizers

852. -SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to -state: .

(a) whether It is a fact that fertiliser* glut b the country caused by heavy imports despite higher-indigenous. production, and lower consumption than estimated during the current year;

(b) whether the, fertiliser glut has led to heavy price' discounts besides, seriously-, eroding the financial viability of the subsidized public sector adversely affecting its resources position;

(c) if so, whether Government propose, to set up of. a buffer stock both of imported and indigenous fertilisers or reimburse ment of carrying costs to over-come the existing over-supply position, if so, -. - by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) whether Government propose fa stop imparts of fertilizers including those from the rupee payment countriestili the glut situation normalises, if so, what is th$_e$ decision, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINBTRY OF AGRICULTURE; (SHRI, R. PRABHU): (a) The consumption Of fertilisers during the year 1986-87 has been less than the target because> of unfavourable weather conditions in many parts of the country. This has resulted in an accumulation of fertiliser stock in the country.

(b) Discounts rainging from Rs. 450 to Rs. 550 per MT on wea and Rs. 650 -to Rs. 750 per MT on'DAP are reported to have been given. These discounts would' adversely affect the generation of internal resources and profits of the companies-

(c) There is no proposal jo create a buffer stock of imported or indigenous fer-iliser. An On account payment has already been made to the oranisations which had to hold imported fertiliser stock for periods touch longer than the period for which inventory carrying cost was paid to theni elariier.

(d) it has already beenteclded not to import any Urea or DAP upto September, 1987. Import requirements during the second half of the year will, depend upon the demand and suppfy situation. - According to present indications, it would jnot be

. necessary to make any imports even. during the later part of the year except 'to meet some unavoidable InterhMdnal coim-